Healthcare Cost Report Information system (HCRIS) Dataset - HOSPICE

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1. OVERVIEW:

CMS stores the HCRIS cost report files in a relational database.

The foremost characteristic of this database is the fact that data
elements will be distributed in flat files aligned with the database table
in which they reside in our database.

You will be able to access the entire set of HCRIS Cost Report data that
is submitted to HCRIS by a Fiscal Intermediary on behalf of a provider. The
major benefit for all users is the ability to use Relational Database Technology
to quickly exclude certain fields of data or perform cross-sectional analysis.

The following website contains the Provider Reimbursement Manuals (PRM),
electronic
cost reporting specifications, and the worksheet forms for provider cost
reports:

http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Manuals/PBM/itemdetail.asp?filterType=none&filterByDID=-
99&sortByDID=1&sortOrder=ascending&itemID=CMS021935

2. INTRODUCTION:

The CMS Form 1984-99 Hospice Cost Report data files contains cost
reports with fiscal years ending on or after April 30, 1999. The data files
contain the highest level of Medicare cost report status. If HCRIS has both an
as submitted report and a final settled report for a hospice for a particular
year, the data files will only contain the final settled report.   If HCRIS has
an as submitted, final settled, and reopened report for a hospice for a
particular
year, the data files will contain the reopened cost report. It is possible for
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Hospice Provider to submit 2 or more cost reports for a given year for the same
cost
report status. This may happen if a Provider changes its FY, or if there is a
CHOW
(Change of Ownership) during the year. We have also found cost reports that
were sent
in error with an incorrect FYB or FYE. For the most part, HCRIS tries to
eliminate
these incorrect submissions by contacting the FI and deleting a cost report that
the
FI identifies as incorrect.

If you have any questions about this product, please contact the HCRIS staff
via e-mail at HCRIS@cms.hhs.gov, and include the letters "HOSPC" in the subject
line.

3. NOTES:

The data included with this release includes all years (from FY 1999 through the
date in file name).
If you are querying data for a specific year, you will need to set up query
parameters to include
only the years that you want to analyze. For example, if you want data for
fiscal year
2000, you need to create a condition for the fiscal year begin date to be
between 10/1/99 through 9/30/00.
Using the database files, you will need to determine the data that you want to
include
in a query by reviewing the cost report forms and the data specifications. For
example,
if you want to collect the number of patients receiving Hospice care for Title
18,
you will need to determine where the information is collected (Worksheet S-1,
Line 13,
Column 1) and use these elements as parameters and create the following
condition:
                    Worksheet Code = 'S100000'
                    Line Number = '01300'
                    Column = '0100'

*Note: Use Table 2 of the ECR Specifications to determine Worksheet Codes.

For cost reports ending on or after 12/31/2004 HCRIS collects the entire cost
report for Hospice (except Worksheets A-6 and G-1).

Many lines on the worksheet forms can be subscripted. For example, the
worksheet form may show
line 6, but it is possible that data relating to that line could be reported on
lines 00600 thru
00699. Keep that in mind when extracting data for a particular line.

4. FILES AND CONTENTS:

Count_xx/xx/xx.xls - File containing the counts of cost reports per year in
     Microsoft Excel format.

Hospc_DM.pdf - Adobe PDF version of the Relational Data Model for Hospice HCRIS

Hospc_RPT.zip - Compressed Winzip file containing 1 text file with the raw
     data to be loaded into the Hospice_RPT table. The file contain data
     elements that are separated by commas.

Hospc_RPT_ALPHNMRC.zip - Compressed Winzip file containing 1 text file with the
     raw data to be loaded into the Hospice_RPT_ALPHNMRC table. The file contain
     data elements that are separated by commas.

Hospc_RPT_NMRC.zip - Compressed Winzip file containing 1 text file with the raw
    data to be loaded into the Hospice_RPT_NMRC table. The file contain data
    elements that are separated by commas.

Data_Dictionary.xls - A data dictionary for the data tables in Microsoft
      Excel format.

HOSPC_TABLES.SQL - ANSI SQL Program (non-Database specific) containing the DDL
    scripts to create the 3 tables that comprise the HCRIS Hospice Database.

DESC.txt - Text document containing the size of the data file zipped and
unzipped
      and general description of the current quarter release.

README.TXT - This readme file.

5. SET UP GUIDANCE

It is important to note that the data files are not restricted for use in one
given database platform or even a database management system for that matter.
You will likely be able to use your existing tools or utilities to access
the data, given the ability of those tools to handle files up to the size
of the largest datafile and files containing data arranged in CSV or Comma
Separated value format.

Please be certain to examine the individual datafile and corresponding database
table structure carefully or else you may not achieve valid results or even be
able
to access the data. If you choose to use a relational or desktop database
management
system, please be mindful of the sizes of the various datafiles.

6. DISCLAIMER OF WARRANTY:

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services shall retain no responsibility for
the data recipients inability to load, examine, or otherwise use the published
data for the HCRIS system.

The information in these files is subject to change, and should be reviewed for
each release.